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Traffic Fatality: 1500 Block of Rhode Island Avenue, Northeast

(Washington, DC) – Detectives with the Metropolitan Police Department's Major Crash Investigations Unit are investigating a traffic fatality that occurred on Tuesday, March 5, 2019, in the 1500 block of Rhode Island Avenue, Northeast.

The preliminary investigation revealed that at approximately 9:00 pm, the operator of a gray in color minivan with a black bike rack on the roof was travelling west on Rhode Island Avenue, NE. The victim crossed Rhode Island Avenue from the south to the north, outside of a marked crosswalk and was struck by the minivan, which then fled the scene. DC Fire and Emergency Medical Services were summoned to the scene and transported the pedestrian to a local hospital for treatment of life threatening injuries.

On Wednesday, March 6, 2019, the victim succumbed to his injuries and was pronounced dead.

The decedent has been identified as **65-year-old Willie Ulysees Williams**, of Northeast, DC.

Anyone with information regarding this incident is requested to contact the **Metropolitan Police Department** at (202) 727-9099.

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